



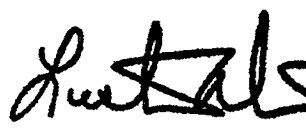
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DATE: September 17, 1996

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SUBJECT: Participation in Developing Fish Assessment Methods
for Use in CALFED's Programmatic EIR/EIS

The fish assessment methods team held its second meeting on September 13, 1996. Even though you were unable to attend, we are interested in receiving your comments and suggestions. At the meeting, agency representatives (including IEP members), and stakeholders, reached agreement on the species list and assessment variables to be evaluated during impact analysis. In order to begin impact analysis in October, decisions on which assessment methods will be used must be made at the October 17, 1996 fish assessment methods team meeting. If we are to be successful, team members will need to complete the following tasks before the next meeting:

- By September 23, 1996 review and comment on the 5 summary tables (enclosed) which identify species-variable relationships by geographic area.
- By October 1, 1996 review and comment on the application of species-variable relationships to specific life stages for each species and identify an appropriate assessment method for evaluating each relationship (enclosed, Table 1 on BLUE paper).
- By October 1, 1996 where appropriate, identify a specific species-variable relationship which may be able to represent all or several other species for that particular variable.
- By October 1, 1996 submit recommendations on additional assessment methods. Recommendations should be submitted in a standardized format (enclosed).

Comments and suggestions received by team members will be compiled and distributed to all team members for use at the October 17, 1996 meeting. Please submit comments to Ms. Wendy Halverson Martin. CALFED staff and consultants are available to assist you in any way we can, and we look forward to your continuing input throughout the development of the fish assessment process and the Programmatic EIR/EIS. If you have any questions, please call Wendy at (916) 657-2666.

Enclosures

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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